Cadets lost their lives in the tragedy.

An enquiry into the incident is in progress. Action will be taken against those found guilty. Ex-gratia compensation @ Rs. 50,000/- has already been paid by NCC to the next of kin of the deceased Cadets. The balance @ Rs. 50,000/- will be paid in due course.

Losses to Ordnance factories due to earthquake in Jabalpur

24. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ordnance factories suffered losses due to earthquake in Jabalpur on 22nd May, 1997, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether export schedule has been hit and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c) There are four Ordnance Factories located in Jabalpur. Two of these factories and their estates namely Ordnance Factory, Khamaria and Gun Carriage Factory, Jabalpur suffered damages which would cost about Rs. 94 crores to rectify. About one hundred (100) persons of Ordnance Factory, Khamaria were injured in the earthquake, 7 (seven) of these were injured seriously. In the two other Ordnance factories at Jabalpur viz. Vehicle Factory and Grey Iron Foundry, the effect of earthquake was minor.

Delivery of ammunition in one export contract is likely to be delayed. A revised delivery schedule has been proposed to the buyer and his approval is being sought in view of force majure.

Procurement of electrostatic liquid cleaner machines by IAF

25. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the IAF procured 27 electrostatic liquid cleaner machines at a cost of Rs. 77.23 lakhs which were found unsuitable for use; and

(b) if so, who is responsible for this waste and whether any action has been taken against the persons concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) The IAF procured the said machines for cleaning hydraulic oil of aircraft system. However, a study carried out by technical experts, advised that these machines may not be useful for aircraft hydraulic oil. But these were found equally useful in radar units/ BRDs/AMSE where the oil requires periodic cleaning and dehumidification. Hence these machines are being gainfully utilised.

Release of book written by Maj. Gen. Arjun Ray

26. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Major-General Arjun Ray has just published the book 'Kashmir Diary';

(b) whether the book was okayed by Government;

(c) whether the author's meet with the foreign press was stopped only minutes before it was due;

(d) whether this last action was prompted by the fact that this book by a serving officer makes controversial and political statements; and

(e) if so, why the book was okayed and officially released in the first place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Ministry of Defence did not give any clearance to publish the book.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of answer to part (d) above.

वायु सेना विमान पत्तनों को नागर विमानन पत्तनों में परिवर्तित किया जाना

27. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार को देश की वायु सेना के विमान पत्तनों को नागर विमान पत्तनों में परिवर्तन करने की वर्तमान नीति और मानदण्ड क्या-क्या हैं;

(ख) क्या राष्ट्रीय विमान पत्तन प्राधिकरण के अध्यक्ष ने हाल ही में भुज विमान पत्तन को नागर विमान पत्तन में परिवर्तित करने के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार को प्रेषित किया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है;

(घ) क्या इस परिवर्तन से पश्चिम क्षेत्र की सीमा पर कोई प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ेगा; और

(ङ) इस परिवर्तन के क्या कारण हैं?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन० वी० एन० सोमू): (क) वायु सेना के एयरपोर्टों को सिविल एयरपोर्टों में बदलने के संबंध में इस समय कोई नीति निर्धारित नहीं है।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

सशस्त्र बलों के कार्मिकों द्वारा मानवाधिकारों का उल्लंघन

28. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को देश के विभिन्न भागों में भारतीय सेना के अधिकारियों एवम् कर्मचारियों द्वारा मानवाधिकारों के उल्लंघन के संबंध में शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस प्रकार की प्राप्त हुई शिकायतों की कुल संख्या कितनी थी;

(ग) क्या इन शिकायतों की जांच करके इन शिकायतों के वास्तविक होने की जांच की गई है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो कितनी शिकायतें सही पाई गई; और

(ङ) जांच करने वाला निकाय किस मंत्रालय या विभाग से संबंधित था?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन० वी० एन० सोमू): (क) से (ङ) पिछले 3 वर्षों के दौरान अर्थात् 1994 से 1996 तक सशस्त्र बलों के कार्मिकों के विरुद्ध मानवाधिकारों के उल्लंघन की कुल 291 शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई थीं। सेना मुख्यालय ने इन सभी शिकायतों के जांच की थी और उनमें से केवल 7 शिकायतें सही पाई गई थीं।

29. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of livestock in the military farms are suffering from Tuberculosis as a result of inferior quality of fodder fed to them;

(b) whether it is a fact that the good fodder meant for military farms is diverted in black market;

(c) whether it has also been detected that the milk purchased for the troops from the market from private sources has also been found to be of sub-standard quality; and

(d) whether any enquiry has been made in this scam and action taken against unscrupulous farm officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c) No, Sir.